

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for examining the pending application. The Office Action dated September 7, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-17 are rejected. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 8, and deleted claim 7 to further define the invention. No new matter has been added.

The Office Actions rejects claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakatani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,862,153), rejects claims 2-4, 6, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakatani in view of Murayama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,160,605), and rejects claims 11-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakatani in view of Ueda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,412 "Ueda").

Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein the drive integrated circuit is disposed on the film apart from the front surface of the panel guide".

None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-6 and 8-17, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.


Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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